

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 - 28. (Cancelled)

29. (New) A method, comprising packetizing, in a switch having an Ethernet backplan, a TDM frame from an inbound TDM data stream as an Ethernet packet by writing the TDM frame into a payload field of the Ethernet packet and writing a destination of the TDM frame into a destination field of the Ethernet packet.